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Thanks

- .. To those parents who supported our Aims Games and Science and Technology Teams this week.
- .. Those people who have sent Talent Photos to school. We need plenty more please.
- .. The Holwell family for allowing access to their farm for our school cross-country. This is very much appreciated.

People of the week

- .. our AIMS games participants .. we will tell you a bit more next week!
- .. our Science and Technology Fair exhibitors their parents and their teachers. Results on the next page.
- .. Molly who won lots of ribbons and trophies at the Highland Dancing Competition at Waipu last weekend.

TRUTHFULNESS VIRTUE AWARDS

- .. will be presented at next week's assembly - Monday 2:30.

TRUSTWORTHINESS VIRTUE

Trustworthiness is our final virtue for this term. Please find support material attached and remember to ..

- .. discuss this with your child
- .. re-visit periodically
- .. discuss how you apply trustworthiness in your life
- .. maybe set some trustworthiness targets
- .. let us know of any special examples so we can celebrate these through our newsletter.

Good Luck

To those children representing our school at the interschool cross country event this coming Friday (9 Sept).

Coming up

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5 September | Book Week |
| 6 September | Visiting Author |
| 9 September | Interschool cross-country |
| 13 September | Kamo High School Enrolment Interviews |
| 22 September | School Talent Show |
| 23 September | Northland Cross Country |
| 27 September | School Photos |
| 7 October | Final day of term 3 |

Book Week (5-9 Sept)

As advised in previous newsletters next week is BOOK WEEK. This is a special time for us to celebrate the many wonderful things about books. We will be visited by a real life author, spend lots of time reading and sharing books and take part in a parade of masks from 11:00 to 11:30 on Thursday 8 September. So .. please take a special interest in what your child is doing next week and **maybe even set aside some time to join us for our mask parade.**

The Book Week Mask Parade

The theme of this year's parade is "boats". In most cases children will make their masks at school. If you are needed to assist with the making of masks at home your child's teacher will advise you of this on Monday morning. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support with this.

Book Fair

Books will be on sale for the duration of Book Week and can be viewed in the office foyer. Where a book is ordered and paid for this will be sent home on the Friday or some time in the week following. This might be a good opportunity to buy books for birthday or Christmas. Books sold through the fair will entitle the school to additional books for our school library. Please support if you can.

Central Northland Science Fair 2011

Matarau School

| Award | Prize | Sponsor | Title | Exhibitor |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Judges' Award | Winner | | Cord Blood Banking | Shannon |
| Presentation Awards | Year 8 | NZ Refining Co Ltd | Kauri Trees | Tyler |
| Royal Forest & Bird Society | | Royal Forest and Bird | | |
| Awards | Highly Com | Protection Society | Kauri Trees | Tyler |
| Use of Water Award | Highly Com | Hansen Products | Under Pressure | Brady |
| Conservation Awards | Highly Com | Dept of Conservation | Matt's Rat Trap | Matthew |
| Conservation Awards | Winner | Dept of Conservation | Trick that Possum | James |
| Central Northland Research Award | Highly Com | NZ Refining Co Ltd. | Kauri Trees | Tyler |
| Class Awards - Year 7 Research | Winner | NZ Refining Co Ltd. | Pluto | Laura |
| Class Awards - Year 8 Research | Highly Com | NZ Refining Co Ltd. | Kauri Trees | Tyler |
| Class Awards - Year 8 Research | Highly Com | NZ Refining Co Ltd. | The Cheeky Kea | Sapphire |
| Applied Science Award | Highly Com | Golden Bay Cement | Trick that Possum | James |

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 9 Sept

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for transporting and supervising their own children on the day and that they are welcome to return to school after their races. Thanks to those who have offered to help co-ordinate teams. Questions in the run up to this event to Mr D please.

Wanting to know more about our Year 7 and 8 (intermediate) department?

If you would like to know more we suggest you might like to make an appointment to discuss this programme with Mr Delemare somewhere in the period 5 to 16 September, or to attend a meeting and power point display in Room 12 - 7:00 PM Tuesday 20 September.

Good programmes do not happen by accident. We encourage you to take this opportunity to dig a little deeper into what really makes a difference in the medium to longer term.

Hand, Foot and Mouth (as if measles wasn't enough)

A number of parents have advised that their children have been diagnosed with hand, foot and mouth. This is highly contagious and can be preceded by flu like symptoms. If you suspect your child may have this we suggest you get them along to their doctor, and ask that you keep them at home until the child is well. The disease is spread by coughing or poor handwashing and we ask that you encourage your child/ren to be extra thorough. Helen has some information in the office if interested or please feel free to call our health nurse Phillipa Butturini on 0800 223 358.

Meningitis

Due to understandable public concern over recent cases of meningitis the NDHB has set up a helpline (0800 430 123). The necessity for prompt action in the event of infection cannot be overemphasised. So .. if you or someone you know has any of the following symptoms .. headache, fever, vomiting, sleepy, confused or delirious, stiff neck, dislike of bright lights, joint or muscle pain or **rash** or spots, see a doctor and don't be put off. If symptoms persist go back to a doctor. We have some printed material at the school office for anyone interested.

School Contribution/EOTC Payments

For those parents who opted to pay the School Contribution and/or EOTC by term, an invoice will be sent home next week.

Home Garden Programme

We will soon be calling for expressions of interest in the home garden programme (not to be confused with the School Garden Club). Maybe discuss this with your children. More to follow next week.

International Schools English and Maths Exams

Please return any outstanding practice papers (and answer booklets) next week so that we can use these in future years. We suspect there are quite a few still to come back.

Term Headlice Inspection

Please check your children's hair weekly and respond quickly in the event of infestation.

Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2012

Places for out of zone students will be advertised in The Whangarei Report on 3 September with closing date for applications 27 September. We are reserving 30 places for students Years 1 to 6 for next year and 20 places in Years 7 and 8 (our intermediate department). These numbers reflect our desire to hold our roll at its current level (around 250) without compromising our commitment to low class numbers - especially in the junior and intermediate departments. **These numbers mean that out of zoners have a "good" chance of getting in.** If you know of any families interested in our school please advise them of these dates, or perhaps even request an Out of Zone Enrolment Form for them from the school office. We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school.

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Electronic advertisement for out of zone applications

.. will soon be sent to families with a request that you forward these to any interested parties. Personal recommendation is the best advertisement for any school. We are hopeful of keeping our roll around the 250 mark. We think we can achieve this with your assistance.

Invitation from the Virtues Club

The Virtues Club is desperate for photos which highlight some of our students many talents. These will be added to a talent board which celebrates, affirms and encourages. So PLEASE .. how about sending something to school with your child next week.



WE NEED YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES!

As most of you will be aware we are compiling a School Community Cookbook and we would *love to feature your favourite recipes*. Simply email them or drop them off to the office, we will sort them from there. We would love to have these by September 30th, however the sooner the better. Thanks to

those of you that have already sent in your Family Favourites.

Community Notices

For Sale - Family 4bed house, dbl garage, large outdoor decking and swimming pool, opposite bus stop for all schools. Ph Jackie 0212852350 or 4353438.

House Cleaner Available - References available. Contact Tracy Tothill 09 4370979 or 0212694845.

Dance Inc Northland - is offering limited places in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre & Tap dancing classes. Classes are offered in Town and in Kamo. Please phone 4308806, visit www.danceincnorthland.co.nz or e-mail danceincnorthland@gmail.com

Intentions for 2012 .. request for information

We are entering a very important period in our administrative calendar. This is when we "gaze into our crystal ball" to try to estimate how many students we will have on deck next year. If our estimates are wrong, this can have quite a profound impact on things like staffing and class numbers.

So we rely very heavily on parents to provide us with the BEST information on which to forward plan.

.. if you know your child(ren) will NOT be at Matarau School next year please advise Helen in the school office within the next two weeks.

.. if you know of any children who WILL be attending Matarau School next year **of whom we may not be aware** please also phone Helen with this information.

Low class numbers and optimal staffing takes careful management, which is based in large part on the information you give us .. So, please get in touch if you have information likely to have a bearing on these decisions.

Change in staffing

This is to advise that Mr Schuster is currently on extended leave. Mrs Marvin will be teaching in Room 8 until further notice. Mrs Marvin has made an excellent start and we are thrilled to welcome a teacher of her calibre to our teaching team.

Final Word

What do you get if you cross King Kong with a budgie? A very messy cage.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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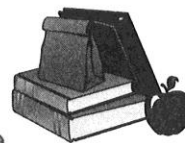


Cross Country

Top 6 placings in our school cross-country event were as follows - Congratulations to all of these children ..

| Age Group | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 12 Yr Girls | Emily | Tyler | Georgia | Jess | Caitlin | Sapphire |
| 12 Yr Boys | James | Brady | Jimmy | Ty | Hayden | Tommy |
| 11 Yr Girls | Laura | Kendall | Holly | Laura | Kayleigh | Shannon |
| 11 Yr Boys | Euan | Scott | Jesse | Angus | Jamahl | Cory |
| 10 Yr Girls | Jemimah | Ruby | Karmelle | Emily | Kate | Kayla |
| 10 Yr Boys | Liam | Jared | Ezra | Cameron | Reuben | Riorden |
| 9 Yr Girls | Natasha | Michelle | Grace | Tegan | Taylor | Shayann |
| 9 Yr Boys | Max | Brendan | Brad | Jordan | James | Samuel |
| 8 Yr Girls | Sarah | Grace | Ellie | Meadow | Georgia | Xanthe |
| 8 Yr Boys | Campbell | Daniel | Olly | Jack | Oliver | Johnathan |
| Yr 3 / 4 Girls | Grace | Dayna | Caitlyn | Brooke | Emma | Maria |
| Yr 3 / 4 Boys | Ethan | Elliot | Jacob | Isaac | Charlie | Joseph |
| Yr 2 Girls | Amy | Eve | Dannielle | Jynaia | Tahi Ora | Jessie |
| Yr 2 Boys | Connan | Orlando | Bradley | Joshua | Robbie | Thomas |
| Yr 0 / 1 Girls | Ayla | Nicole | Nicole | Hannah | Cassie | Brooke |
| Yr 2 0 / 1 Boys | Reuben | Jayden | Jacob | Shane | Michael | Connor |

Trustworthiness

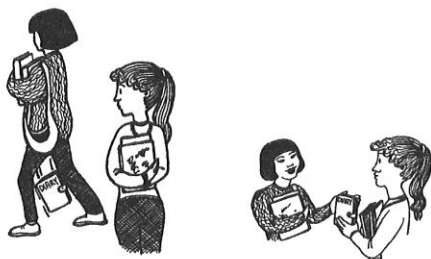


What is Trustworthiness?

Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and to follow through on your commitments. Others can rely on you. They can trust that if it is at all possible, you will do what you said you would do, even if it becomes really hard. When you are trustworthy, others can be sure of you and you can be sure of yourself.

Why Practice It?

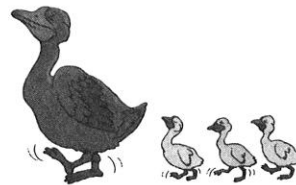
Without trustworthiness, agreements and promises don't mean anything. If we aren't trustworthy, people never know if they can believe us or count on us. When we practice trustworthiness, people don't have to check up on us to see if we are doing something we promised to do. They can relax, knowing we keep our promises. Trustworthiness is the key to success in anything we do.



How Do You Practice It?

When you are trustworthy, you stop and think before making a promise, to be sure it is something you really want to do and are able to do. You abide by the rules, even when no one is watching. When you make a promise, you keep your word and do your best. You persevere, no matter how hard it becomes, because it is very important to you to be worthy of the trust of others. When you are trustworthy, you have integrity.

The Virtues Project



What would Trustworthiness look like if...

- Your mother sent you to the store and asked you to bring back the change?
- You realize the grocer made a mistake and you underpaid?
- Your friend told you a secret that she doesn't want anyone else to know?
- You promised to do a chore but get distracted by TV or a book?
- Someone asks you to do something that you know in your heart is too hard for you?
- Some friends try to convince you to take something that doesn't belong to you?

Signs of Success

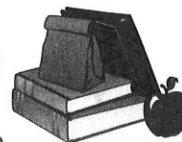
Congratulations! You are practicing Trustworthiness when you...

- Think before you promise something to be sure you can do it
- Remember what you promise others
- Keep your promises even when they become hard to do
- Abide by the rules even when no one is watching
- Let nothing stop you from keeping your word
- Do your best and finish what you start

Affirmation

I am trustworthy. I keep my promises. I keep my word. I am worthy of the trust others place in me.

Activities with Trustworthiness



Be a Promise Keeper

Think of a promise you can make to someone in your family or in this class, one that you can actually accomplish. Follow through on it this week and share the results at the end of the week. Name three things you can do to be sure to remember it and follow through on it.

Relay Race

Have a Trustworthiness relay race, in which everyone runs as fast as they can, carrying an object to a goal and running back to pass it on to the next runner.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- ❶ Why do friends need to be trustworthy?
- ❷ What is it like to find out that someone broke a promise to you?
- ❸ How easy would it be to trust this person the next time a promise is made?
- ❹ How would life in your home be if you were trustworthy all the time?
- ❺ Why is it important for people in the world of work to be trustworthy? (A car manufacturer, a farmer, a waitress, a storekeeper, a doctor)
- ❻ How does trustworthiness attract success?
- ❼ Everyone makes mistakes. When you are trustworthy, how do you handle them?
- ❽ What helps you to be trustworthy?
- ❾ Name three times you have practiced trustworthiness.



Drawing Trustworthiness

Draw a person doing a job in which it is important to be trustworthy.



Poster Points

- ❶ Promise keeper.
- ❷ You can count on me.
- ❸ Always reliable and dependable.
- ❹ Being worthy of trust.



Quotable Quotes

"Never esteem anything of advantage to you that will make you break your word or lose your self-respect." Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

"You are a guardian of the seeds for the world to come. All that has gone before and all that is yet to come is within you... You are running in a relay. This is the moment you have been chosen to hold the torch. You cannot refuse to run." Tolbert McCarrol

"If you fear that people will know, don't do it." Chinese Proverb

"If you think you can, or if you think you can't, you're right." Anonymous

"You do not attract what you want but what you are." Anonymous

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved." George MacDonald